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1. AS STATED IN PARA 4 REF B, INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM LEVEL FOR GREECE IN FY 1977 WAS ADJUSTED AFTER SUBMISSION OF CPD FOR FY 77 SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO DOLS 122 MILLION TO REFLECT LEVELS AGREED UPON IN THE US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS. AS NOTED IN REF C, FMS FINANCING AGREEMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SIGNED FEB 22, 1977 BY USG AND GOG IN AMOUNT OF DOLS 122 MILLION, REPRESENTING TOTAL RPT TOTAL FY 77 FMS CREDIT. NO ADDITIONAL FMS FINANCING IS AVAILABLE FOR GREECE FOR
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FY 77.

2. IN REPLYING TO GOG INQUIRIES (REF A), YOU MAY WISH TO
DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY FIGURES IN THE CONGRESSIONAL PRE-
SENTATION DOCUMENT (CPD) ARE INDICATIVE FIGURES FOR PLAN-

NING PURPOSES ONLY. THEY ARE MEANT TO APPROXIMATE FINAL COUNTRY FIGURES TO SHOW CONGRESS HOW ADMINISTRATION GENERALLY PLANS TO DIVIDE THE GLOBAL FMS FINANCING PROGRAM.

CPD FIGURES DO NOT CONSTITUTE A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCING AT THE LEVELS INDICATED TO ANY COUNTRY. OBVIOUSLY, PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES SHOWN IN CPD MUST BE REDUCED IF GLOBAL PROGRAM IS CUT BELOW AMOUNTS REQUESTED BY ADMINISTRATION.

B. SECTION 507 OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976 (ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR FY 77 SECURITY ASSISTANCE) AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION OF "SUCH SUMS AS MAY BE NECESSARY" TO FULFILL OBLIGATIONS UNDER BASE RIGHTS AGREEMENTS WITH GREECE, SPAIN AND TURKEY. THOSE SUMS MAY NOT RPT NOT, HOWEVER, UNDER SEC. 507(B) OF THE ACT, BE OBLIGATED/EXPENDED UNTIL THE PARTICULAR AGREEMENT, E.G. THE GREEK DCA, HAS BEEN APPROVED BY CONGRESS. SIMILAR STATUTORY LANGUAGE HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN THE FY 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION. SUCH STATUTORY LANGUAGE WILL NOT PREVENT OBLIGATION/EXPENDITURE OF DOLS 34 MILLION IN FY 77 GRANT AID (MAP AND IMET) FOR GREECE OR OF THE DOLS 35 MILLION PROPOSED FOR FY 78. IT WILL, HOWEVER, PREVENT OBLIGATION/EXPENDITURE OF THE BALANCE OF GRANT AID (ABOVE DOLS 34/35 MILLION) WHICH WOULD BE FURNISHED IN THE FIRST YEAR OF A DCA, UNTIL DCA IS APPROVED BY CONGRESS. ONCE THE DCA IS APPROVED, THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD THEN SEEK TO FUND THE BALANCE OF GRANT AID TO GREECE UNDER

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TERMS OF THE DCA. (A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION MIGHT BE NECESSARY.)

C. THE TEXT OF SEC. 507 IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BASE AGREEMENTS WITH SPAIN, GREECE, AND TURKEY. SEC. 507.(A) IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED BY ANY AMENDMENT MADE BY THIS ACT WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR EACH PURPOSE, THERE ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED SUCH SUMS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977 TO CARRY OUT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE USE BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN SPAIN, GREECE, OR TURKEY.

(B) NO FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE OBLIGATED OR EXPENDED TO CARRY OUT ANY SUCH AGREEMENT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT UNTIL LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ENACTED APPROVING SUCH AGREEMENT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT. END QUOTE.

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